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SUBJ: SAFETY BELT LAW AND USAGE SURVEY

1. THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT AMENDED ON JUNE 13, 1975, THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT TO IMPROVE SAFETY IN OR ON MOTOR VEHICLES. IT AUTHORIZED THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION TO WORK OUT DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR THE SAFETY OF DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS IN AUTOMOBILES, MOTOR CYCLE DRIVERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS, AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR CHILDREN.

2. SEAT BELT REGULATIONS WERE SIGNED AND MADE PUBLIC BY THE MINISTRY ON JULY 18, AND WILL BE MADE EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1975. THE NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRE USE OF SAFETY BELTS BY DRIVER AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS OVER 15 YEARS OLD AND MORE THAN 150 CM. TALL. THE INSTALLATION OF SAFETY FRONT SEAT BELTS IS REQUIRED ON ALL CARS REGISTERED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1971. CARS REGISTERED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1971, ARE THEREFORE EXEMPTED, BUT IF FRONT SEAT BELTS HAVE BEEN VOLUNTARILY INSTALLED USE OF THOSE BELTS ARE REQUIRED.

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3. USE OF SEAT BELTS ARE NOT REQUIRED WHEN THE CAR STANDS STILL, BACKS, IS BEING DRIVEN AT GASOLINE STATIONS OR IN GARAGES, AT A LOW SPEED WITH FREQUENT DELIVERIES OF GOODS, IN TRUCKS MORE THAN 3.5 METRIC TONS AND FOR CAB-DRIVERS. USE OF SEAT BELTS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR A PERSON HAVING A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE SAYING THAT HE OR SHE SHOULD NOT USE A SEAT BELT. THE MINISTRY HAS AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT OTHER CATEGORIES OF DRIVERS FROM USE OF BELTS.

4. THE DIRECTORATE OF ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY IS NOW CARRYING OUT A PRESS CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE PEOPLE TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO USE THEIR SEAT BELTS. THIS CAMPAIGN IS MORE BASED UPON A VOLUNTARY APPEAL RATHER THAN THREATS OF PUNISHMENT.  
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